NATIONAL LONDON

By the King.

A Proclamation to restrain the Transportation of Butter out of this Realm.

WHereas His MAJESTIES late Royall Father in the sixteenth yeer of His Reign, did grant Licence to Transport three thousand Barrels of Welsh Butter yeerly, out of the Ports of Bristoll, Barnestable, Cardiff, and Chepstow, for the term of one and twenty yeers, when the price of Butter in Summer should not exceed Three pence, and in Winter Four pence the Pound. And whereas the Kings Majestie that now is, in the sixth yeer of His Reign, did likewise grant Licence for a like term, for Transportation of three thousand and two hundred Barrels of Butter yeerly, out of the Ports of Boston, Kingston upon Hull, and New-castle, And that onely when the price of Butter should not exceed Four pence the Pound. And His now most excellent Majestie by His Proclamation in July in the eleventh yeer of His Reign, did straitly charge and Command, That no person or persons whatsoever (other then the Assignes of the said Patents and Licences) or their Deputies or Agents should from thencefoorth Transport or Convey out of England or Wales, any Barrels, Kilderkins, Firkins, or other Vessells of Butter whatsoever, into any the parts beyond the Seas; except it were onely for the necessary Victualing of their Ships, and that to be limited according to the number of the men, and length of the Voyage, and to be also allowed by the Officers of His Majesties Custome-houses, under the penalties and forfeitures therein expressed.

His Majeſtie now finding it needfull that good quantities of Butter ſhould be brought in for the Victualling of his Army; Hath therefore (by advice of his Councell) thought fit for the preſent (and untill his Pleaſure ſhall be further declared) to reſtrain and wholly ſuſpend the execution of the ſaid Grants, and of all other Grants or Licences for Tranſportation of Butter, and all Licences, Powers, and Authorities thereby granted: Willing alſo, and hereby Commanding all perſons whatſoever intereſſed in thoſe Grants, or any other Grants or Licences for Tranſporting of Butter, and their Aſſignes, Deputies, or Agents, That from henceforth (and untill his Majeſtie ſhall ſignifie his further Pleaſure) they utterly forbear to carry or Tranſport any Butter out of England or Wales into any the parts beyond the Seas (other then for the neceſſary Victualling of their Ships in ſuch manner as aforeſaid) under the penalties, forfeitures, and punishments, ordained and appointed by the Laws and Statutes of the Realm, and to be further proceeded againſt for their Contempts of his Majeſties Royall Commands.

And his Majeſtie doth likewiſe ſtraitly charge and Command all his Cuſtomers and other the Officers and Miniſters of his Cuſtome-houſes in England and Wales, That they in their ſeverall Offices and Places, do take ſpeciall care that his Majeſties Royall will and Pleaſure herein declared be duly obſerved, as they will anſwer it at their perils.

And his Majeſtie doth hereby further Licence and Authorize all perſons whatſoever, as well in the Northern, as in the Weſtern parts of the Realm, and in Wales, to whom it ſhall appertain, to convey and bring to any of his Majeſties Northern Ports what quantitie of Butter they can furniſh to his Majeſties Army and Garriſons, at meet and Marketable Rates and Prices.

Given at Our Camp neer Barwick, the tenth day of June, in the fifteenth yeer of Our Reign. 1639.

God ſave the King.

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